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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye  
Chairman  
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The Honorable Thad Cochran  
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The Honorable Harold Rogers  
Chairman  
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The Honorable Norman D. Dicks  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Inouye, Vice Chairman Cochran, Chairman Rogers, and Ranking Member Dicks:

As you work to complete the Fiscal Year 2012 "minibus" legislation including the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill, we write to respectfully request that you include the disaster relief funding for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) provided in the Senate-approved bill.

Natural disasters over the course of the past months have ravaged the Southern Tier of New York State, especially communities in Broome County. Many homes and businesses were destroyed and workers have been displaced. Sufficient disaster funding for the EDA will help major employers in our region get our constituents back to work as they continue recovering from Tropical Storm Lee and Hurricane Irene.

Thank you for your personal attention to this important matter. We look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,



RICHARD HANNA  
U.S. Representative



MAURICE HINCHEY  
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cc: Senator Charles Schumer  
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand